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PUBLICITY SHEET FOR NEW YORK CUBANS...INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS

LOUIS LAUDEN*-Catcher-Age 23, born in West Point, Virginia...came directly from sandlots to Cubans after being discovered on playground by Alex Pompey...superb receiver...has great throwing arm keeps team hustling with this peppery antics...draws great applause from fans in his dashes down first base line...exceptionally good hitter...is a consistent .300 hitter. 1945, his fourth year with the Cubans, is expected to be his best year. He tips the scale at 172 and stands 5ft.-10inches.

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AMAEL BROOKS-Catcher-Age 39, born in New Orleans, and has played with such clubs as Brooklyn Royals, Homestead Grays, Ethiopian Clowns, LaGuaira, Venezuela, Panama and Puerto Rico..bats left, throws right..very dangerous hitter..high competitive spirit...often placed in lineup to add punch to Latin club.

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SAM NOBLES-Catcher-215-pound rookie receiver, born in Oriente, Cuba, making first trip to states and first bid for Negro major league..Bats and throws righthanded..gets tremendous power behind his drives, has a rifle-like peg and has great form behind the mask. Came to the Cubans highly recommended by Santiago Cuba Mines. Hit over .300 every year with Mines. 22 years old, 5ft. 10inches tall.

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DAVID "SHOW BOAT" THOMAS-Born 39 years ago in Mobile, Alabama, but now lives in New York. Weighing 178 pounds and standing six feet, this great lefthanded artist is perfection itself at the plate and in the field. His movements are filled with classic grace. Wherever baseball is played, the name of Show Boat Thomas must be mentioned as the classiest among firstsackers of all times and of all races. Thomas will be seen regularly at the initial sack this season after having served his country as special officer at the Port of Embarkation, New York City, during two year of the present world conflict. Thomas has been with the Cubans for six years.

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GIL GARRIDO- This sensational secondbaseman from Panama City, Panama, is not a giant in stature, standing only 5ft.8inches and weighing only 165 pounds--but opposing teams and his teammates think he weighs a ton. Bats and throws righthanded. Is regarded as a combination of Joe Gordon and Marty Marion. He is rated the greatest keystone performer in the Negro major leagues. This is his second year with the Cubans. He has played with several clubs in Panama, Cuba and Mexico. Garrido is 23-years old.

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Ramon Napoleon Heredia-Making his first trip to the states in four years.. he will expertly guard the hot corner for the Cubans..with his 6ft.200-odd pound frame. A classy thirdbaseman, he is also a dangerous hitter at all times. Heredia has been playing with Monterrey, Mexico, and has also played with the Marianas of Havana, Cuba. A .300 hitter and 28-years old his experience will prove a tower of strength to the pennant mad Latins.

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HORACIO "RABBIT MARTINEZ"-This product of Santo Domingo has been with the Cubans ten years and is rated the best shortfielder in the business. For the past four years he has been picked for the East-West all star classic. At thirty years of age there is no player younger or older who executes that position with such skill and ease as Martinez, the "perfect" shortstop. During the winter he managed the Caracas, Venezuela, baseball team and at this writing his team had entered the Championship playoff. He also has played in Havana, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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ROGELIO "ICE CREAM" LINARES-One of the greatest competitors in the game is fleet-footed, hard driving Linares, whose speed and skill make him the idol of his teammates and fans. Linares is serving his fifth term with the Latins and although 28 years old is as fast as any ballhawk in the business. He bats, throws lefthanded, has a strong, accurate throwing arm, is extremely dangerous at the plate and is a distance hitter. Linares served five years with professional clubs in Cuba and was the idol of his Havana hometowners. He often subs at firstbase and is a flashy, pleasing showman. He is 5ft.10inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. Consistent .300 hitter. He plays leftfield.

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CHIFLAND CLARK-Sensational 23-year old newcomer to the states, making his first bid with the Cubans. Clark is 5ft.11inches tall and weighs 177 pounds. Fresh from a great year with the Almendares team, champions of the Cuban league with home grounds at HAVANA. Clark hit .361 in the Havana loop and in spring practice has showed tremendous power. He bats and throws righthanded. His throwing arm is marvelous and true. His speed and grace are seldom seen on modern diamonds. His berth is centerfield.

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TOM "BIG TRAIN" PARKER-After serving ten months in the armed service and discharged three months ago, Parker, native of Alexandria, La., has again come back to the diamond where he gained national fame. Tom is a robust six-footer, weighing 230 pounds. He is a very classy rightfielder and has a powerful throwing arm. He is dynamite at the bat and is subject to break up any ball game. He bats and throws righthanded. Parker has played with the New York Black Yankees and Homestead Grays, come to the Cubans via the St. Louis Stars. He is one of the real gentlemen of the big time. He is 34 years old.

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MARTIN DIIIGO-Giant six-foot, 200-odd pounder, bats and throws righthanded and is 38 years old. Diigo has been in Mexico for eight years and in a large degree is responsible for the vast growth of the national past time below the border. Diigo is one of the all-time greats of the game. He plays all positions with equal skill and has one of the greatest throwing arms in the world. He also pounds the ball at a terrific clip. His return to the Cubans along with other hitters mentioned will make the Latins the classiest team on the diamond. He managed the New York Cubans in 1935. He has been managing the Laredo, Mexico league entry. He is the most widely known Cuban ever to perform in the United States.

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SANTOS SALAZAR-Twenty-three year old product of Santiago, Cuba, who is seeing the states for the first time. Salazar is a husky six-foot 195 pound youth who is very strong: bats and throws righthanded and has a promising outlook as a first class utility.

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PEDROSA DIAZ-Exceptionally fast and prospective outstanding shortstop making his first visit to the states. This 19-year old youth has a brilliant and sensational future. Bats and throws righthanded. He ~~xxx~~ hails from Havana, Cuba.

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JAVIER PEREZ-40-year old veteran, beloved and admired by all. Still a dangerous man at bat and a pillar of strength in the infield. His career has been highlighted by performances in the Philippines, Japan and many foreign points. He was a former star with the Grays and Newark.

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DAVID BARNHILL-This diminutive mound wizard of Greensboro, N.C., is again at top form, fully recovered from last year's malady that kept him idle most of the season. Barnhill is 5ft.7inches, weighs 145-pounds but is a giant on the mound. Throws right handed and hits from the left side of the plate. He has ~~xx~~ long been a sensational performer, having outduelled the great Satchel Paige in several encounters and has beaten the best teams in the country. Formerly with the Ethiopian Clowns before joining the Cubans. He is 26 years old.

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CARRANZA HOWARD-6ft. 1 inch tall weighs 210 pounds...graduate and former three letter man of Shaw University. A native of Daytona Beach, Fla., he was a consistent winner last season, winning 24 while dropping only 4 contests. He bats and throws righthanded. He is 25 years old.

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VICTOR GREENIDGE-Bats and throws righthanded: a native of Panama; was member of Champion Havana, Cuba, Almaderes. He is 26 years old, weighs 185 pounds, stands 5ft. 11 inches. One of the Great pitchers of Negro baseball.

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PATRICIO SCANTLEBURY-This baffling southpaw is 24-years old and with his 6ft, 178 pounds gets plenty of deception in his delivery. He is an outstanding mound artist and is a careful student of baseball. He is expected to reach baseball hall of fame with the Cubans.

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BILL ANDERSON-34-year old righthander, weighs 181 pounds, 5ft.11inches tall, playing winter baseball in Venezuela, but returning to the Cubans for the regular season. A very good pitcher and hitter.

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LOUIS TIAANT-Grand master of mound wizardry, this 36-year old veteran port-sider has demonstrated time and again that he has no peer in effectiveness. He is in great shape after being a leading pitcher in the Cuba winter league. Beat Birmingham 3-1 Easter Sunday at New Orleans.

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BARNE Y MORRIS-29-year old knuckleball artist, who is regarded the greatest knuckle ball thrower in the country, was a leading pitcher

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MANAGER JOSE FERNANDEZ-Peerless catcher of Negro baseball. Has been returning to the states from Cuba for 28 years, catching winter and summer from the greatest names in baseball, white and colored. Has never had an injured finger....Caught from such pitchers as Luque Fitzsimmons, etc. Clean, clever, smart pilot; has no equal.